

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE-

In re Application of:

MATSUMOTO, et al.

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For: Process for Producing Spherical Oxide

Particles

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket: ACH 2705P1USC

Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir,

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, allowing claim 2, withdrawing claim 7 from consideration and objecting to claims 1, and 3-6.

In the Claims

The amended claims are attached hereto.

Remarks

Applicants appreciate allowance by the Examiner of claim 2 and indication by the Examiner of allowable subject matter in claims 1-6.

Applicants affirm election of claims 1-6 for examination.

All corrections to the claims requested by the Examiner have been made.